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**ASSIGNMENT**

WHEREAS, we, Frank William Bennett, residing at 7772 Crestview Lane, Longmont, CO; and Louis J. Fioravanti residing at 4413 Pali Way, Boulder, Colorado; are the inventors of an invention entitled EARLY LEAK DETECTION SYSTEM FOR A DISC DRIVE CONTAINING A LOW-DENSITY GAS that is the subject matter of

provisional applications for Letters Patent which are identifiable in the United States Patent and Trademark Office by Serial No. 60/304,093, filed July 9, 2001 and Serial No. 60/337,635, filed November 2, 2001;

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an international application for Letters Patent filed pursuant to the Patent Cooperation Treaty which is identifiable in the United States Receiving office by Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed on \_\_\_\_\_; and

WHEREAS, Seagate Technology LLC, a limited liability company organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Delaware and the United States of America, and having offices at 920 Disc Drive, Scotts Valley, California 95067 (hereinafter "Assignee"), is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to the invention, the applications, and any and all Letters Patent or similar foreign or domestic legal protection;


NOW THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and adequacy of which is hereby acknowledged, we transfer to Assignee, its successors and assigns, our entire right, title and interest in and to the invention, the above-identified applications, all provisional applications from which any of the above-identified applications claim priority, corresponding domestic and foreign applications, any continuation, division, renewal, or substitute for the applications, all Letters Patent, any reissue, re-examination, or similar legal protection issuing related to the Letters Patent, and all rights and benefits under any applicable treaty or convention; and we authorize the Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office or foreign equivalent to issue the Letters Patent or similar legal protection to the Assignee.

We authorize the Assignee, its successors and assigns, to insert in this instrument the filing date(s) and serial numbers of the application when ascertained. We further authorize the

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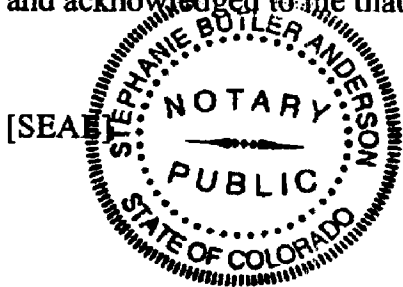
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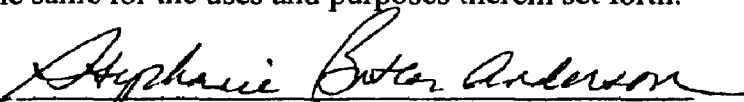
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 7<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2002.

  
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Frank William Bernett

STATE OF COLORADO    )  
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On this 7<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2002, before me personally appeared Frank William Bernett to me known to be the person described in, and who executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the uses and purposes therein set forth.



  
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